

RESOLUTION

05-02

Resolution Declaring Delta Protection Commission Support of the County of Yolo to Secure Funding for Weed Management and Habitat Enhancements in the North Delta, along the Sacramento River at Clarksburg Fishing Access and Boat Launch Ramp from the California River Parkways Grant Program Under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50).

WHEREAS, the Clarksburg public access site is an important recreational asset and natural area for residents of the Delta and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Protection Commission is working with the County of Yolo to improve habitat conditions and promote stewardship in the North Delta; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yolo has submitted a grant application to the California Resources Agency under the program entitled above for the Clarksburg Public Fishing Access and Boat Launch Ramp; and

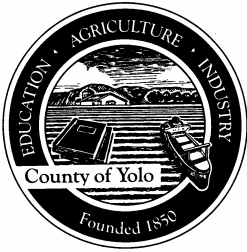
WHEREAS, the goals of the grant application are to improve recreational waterway access, promote fishing and boating opportunities, and to enhance native habitat and ecosystem functions through weed management and native habitat landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed for the public access site are consistent with the Delta Protection Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta Protection Commission hereby supports efforts by the County of Yolo to secure funding for recreation and habitat enhancements in the North Delta along the Sacramento River at the Clarksburg Public access and Boat Launch Ramp.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission on this 17th day of November 2005.

Mike McGowan, Chairman



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TO: THE HONORABLE HELEN THOMSON, Chairwoman
and Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: JOHN BENCOMO, Director,
Brett Williams, Parks and Natural Resources Supervisor,
Planning and Public Works Department

DATE: October 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Proposition 50 Grant Applications and Resolutions for Clarksburg River Access
(\$23,250)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

APPROVE a grant application and authorize the Chairwoman to sign a resolution for the Clarksburg River Access Native Grass Improvements under the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Program (\$23,250)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended actions could result in supplementing the Parks Budget (701-1) in the amount of \$23,250. There is no match requirement for this competitive grant program; however, it is estimated that if all grants are awarded, administration of the grants would require six hours of Parks and Natural Resources staff time.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The recommended actions would allow staff to apply for grant funding for a project at the Clarksburg River Access, in the amount of \$23,250, under the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Program. This grant application is separate from the previous Proposition 50 applications, which appeared before the Board on October 4, 2005, because the application was initially to be submitted as a package with the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. However, it was subsequently decided by the cities that each jurisdiction should submit separate grant applications.

BACKGROUND:

In 2002, California voters approved Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act. Under Proposition 50, \$40.5 million has been allocated for the California River Parkways Program. Yolo County Parks and Natural Resources Division has proposed to apply for several projects under this program and previously brought four projects to the Board for approval.

The Clarksburg River Access grant application was initially to be submitted as a package with the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento; however, it was determined that there was no advantage under the grant criteria to apply for multiple projects under one application; so the County will be applying for the grant as a separate project.

The proposed project involves the planting of native grasses along the levee adjacent to the parking lot and installing environmental interpretive panels. The native grasses would be planted as plugs to provide quick growth and would result in decreased weed maintenance needs over time. The native grasses would also provide excellent habitat and would reduce erosion once established.

Grant applications are due on October 18, 2005 and no date has been set for project selection by the California Resources Agency, who is overseeing this Proposition 50 program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County has coordinated with the Delta Protection Commission. County Counsel has approved the Resolution as to form.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution for Clarksburg River Access Site